

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Charles:

Sunday 11:30 AM



July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



PASTOR'S PEN

Today we witness the heart of Jesus moved with pity for the crowds: "for they were like sheep without a Shepherd." When I think of sheep without a shepherd, I think of aimless, confused sheep wandering in all directions following any call they hear. Although my Shepherding days in New York are over (WHAT? Just seeing if you're paying attention), it seems to me that I remember hearing that sheep were not the sharpest blades in the drawer. They were easily distracted and could get lost and wander into dangerous situations in an instant. They need a lot of direction and care. They will follow quite easily.

This image of sheep without shepherds reminds me of our own days. We all seem to be wandering in different directions, somewhat aimlessly, trying to find our way. It seems people are starving for leadership and whoever shouts the loudest becomes the best choice. This sets up camps of people who are followers of one or another. There was a statement that said, "if you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything." It seems that many have fallen for anything and have been deceived by lies. It upsets me, terribly, when I hear of children dying in states that have low vaccination rates because their parents or relatives or friends refused to get vaccinated because of lies they've heard or read over the internet. That's pretty scary that some would follow the leadership of people over the internet rather than our own medical professionals. We would put our own children at risk following a lie from people we don't even know. It seems that we have allowed all of the thoughts of many lost souls on the internet to distract us from our own sense of what's right and wrong. We have followed the loudest voice and have often missed the still small voice of God. As disciples of Christ, the only Shepherd we have is Christ. He is the One we look to for leadership. The Gospel of Justice and Reconciliation is our blueprint. When we follow this Shepherd and quiet the noise of so many who try to lead us, we will feel that sense of peace that Paul talks about in the second reading. "He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father."

Let's not wander aimlessly in this world falling for any new voice that comes our way, but let's be grounded in Christ, our true Shepherd. Let's realize the call within each of us to be leaders in our families, in our communities, in our parish and in the world. Let's stand on the integrity of the Gospel and the power of compassion and reconciliation. Let's lead our world toward the Reign of God, and in place of division and judgments, hatred and exclusion, racism and xenophobia, let us bring the peace and the love of Christ. Let's lead with the Gospel! Have a good week!

Nativity's Mission Statement

Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's Eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through commitment to social justice, service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

First Reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall
want.*

Second Reading:

Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:

Mark 6:30-34

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

First Reading:

2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm

*The hand of the Lord feeds
us; he answers all our
needs.*

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:

John 6:1-15

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

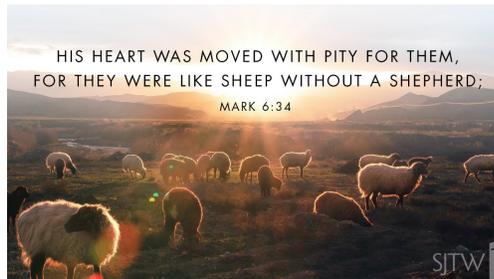


How Do I Join Nativity Parish?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 313-922-0033 or complete a registration form available in the back of church and drop in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?

Contact Joni Scott, Director of Formation at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.



CSA 2021

Many of you have received a mailing from the Archdiocese about the 2021 CSA. Our target for 2021 is \$18,236, which means if as many people give as are able to give, it would equal about \$200 per family. If we don't make our target, we have to pay the difference from parish funds. If we go over our target, the amount is returned to the parish. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. There are 3 ways to give: return what you received in the mail, go online at our website, nativitydetroit.org and choose CSA to give online or, if you don't want to do either of those, you can put your contribution in the regular collection basket. If you put it in the collection basket, please put it in a separate envelope and mark it CSA. Thanks for whatever you can do!

Severe Blood Shortage

The state's blood supply has dropped to a critically low level with less than a day's supply of life-saving blood on shelves to supply hospitals throughout the state. Ideally, a three-day supply of blood is what is needed to reduce shortages.

How can you support? Blood donors are needed immediately to help ensure that life-saving blood is available for those in need. One donation of blood, which takes less than one hour, can help save up to three lives. Contact the American Red Cross to make an appointment if you are able to donate. <https://www.redcross.org>

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Samaritan AA Meetings (in church basement)

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7:00-9:00 PM

Friday, July 23, 2021 at 7:00-9:00 PM

Weekly Family Rosary: Wednesdays at 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Weekly Friday Night Prayer Team: If you are able to commit to pray at home for one hour weekly between the hours of Friday 9 PM - 9 AM Saturday, you are welcome to join this ministry. Please contact Hermenia Adams at (313) 410-0871 for more information or to be added to the schedule.

The Nativity Parish Farewell Celebration for Br. Ray is

Sunday, September 19th after the 9:30 Mass.

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: The few things we need this week are Corn Bread, Tuna Fish, and Canned Fruit. Many thanks for your generosity!

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

On the Rise Bakery: <https://www.cskdetroit.org/bakery>

Open daily from 9 AM – 4 PM, closed Sundays & Mondays.

Dine-in allowed now. Let's support the Café and meet a friend for lunch there.

St. Augustine St. Monica First Saturdays Street Fair:

Come on by! From 9:30 until 11:30 am, on Saturdays: August 7th, September 4th and October 2nd.

Gratiot Woods Alive

At the Brighter Detroit Community Center
(Formerly known as the 4H Center & Nativity's Gym)
5710 McClellan

Friday, July 23 8:45pm - 11:00pm Family Movie Night:

Friday, July 30 6:00pm - 8:30pm Kuumba "Creativity" Night: FREE Food and Talent from the community

Friday, August 6 6:00pm - 8:30pm "Praise In the Park" ** Join community faith leaders for an evening of prayer, praise and worship as we pray for an end of violence and for the young people in the community and across the city.

Visit us online at: www.dcpasite.com



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Bill Dietz, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Barbara Gabriel, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Linda, Joe and Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Jennifer Mondalek, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Rose & Tom Sheehy, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Phyllis Treece, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Barron Scott's Mom, Vicky, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families, Mia Halthon-Jones's mother-in-law, Victoria.

(Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you are the source of health and healing. In you there is calm and true peace. In pain, anxiety or fear, teach us to yield ourselves to your care knowing that your love and power surround us to give us health and strength through Jesus Christ,



REMINDERS:

The link for the livestream Sunday Mass is on the parish web site: Nativity - 9:30 AM & St. Charles - 11:30 AM
Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of church.

Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. Jug is located in front of the church altar.

Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>

Parish Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit> (Mass is also livestreamed on this site.)

Parish Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/



Online Giving

[DONATE HERE](#) or Go to giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021

Peter Parisi (Family)

Cathy O'Hara-Kidd (Therese McGratty)

Earl (Butch) Gafke (Mary Rose Houde)

Patrick Giffer (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021

Br. Ray (The Nativity Family)

Cathy O'Hara-Kidd (Bill & Mickey Dietz)

Dion Reddick (The Kulchy Family)

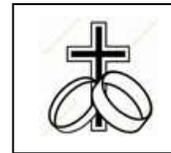
Ed Collins (Friends at On The Rise Bakery)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7-19: Kathy Alderman, Gloria Austin,
and Pieta Faulkner

7-22: Ben Flores

7-24: Michele Bezel, Anthony Griggs & Br. Ray



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

If you are a registered member of the parish and your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please let us know.

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Kim Milligan

Michele Bezel

Mark Miller

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Judy Dupre

Charvala Wheeler

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